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## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE AVAILABLE

High school student leaders, grades 9-11, are encouraged to apply for one of eight full scholarships being offered by the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) to attend a Junior Statesmen Summer School session in the States. The scholarships cover all tuition costs and round trip transportation to the JSA Summer School of the student's choice in the USA.

This is the fourth year that DOI scholarships have been available to students in the Republic of the Marshall Islands for the JSA Summer Program.

Summer school students take exciting college level courses in government and speech while they develop and polish their leadership skills. Three-week sessions of the Junior Statesmen Summer School are conducted on the university campuses of Stanford University (near San Francisco), Princeton University (near New York), and Georgetown University (in Washington, DC).

Highlighting each summer school session is a high-level speakers' program that gives students a chance to meet and question elected officials, judges, reporters, political campaign consultants, and others in the political arena. Each night, summer school students debate important political issues in a simulation of Congress.

Admission to the summer school is competitive. Admission decisions are based on an applicant's academic achievement, leadership, and interest in politics or government. To apply, students must submit a copy of their high school grades, an essay, and a letter of recommendation from a counselor or teacher. Instructions for how to apply and the application deadlines (as early as March 1) are found in the 2013 JSA Summer Programs Brochure.

Dr. Katie Langford, a Junior Statesmen Foundation representative, will be in Majuro Saturday, March 9 and Friday, March 15, to recruit outstanding students for the summer school and DOI scholarships. During his visit, Dr. Langford will meet with interested students and parents. Students who meet with Dr. Langford in person will not need to submit a teacher recommendation with their scholarship application.

Students who would like to meet with Dr. Langford for an admissions interview may call Ms. Korok at the U.S. Embassy +692-247-4011 to set up an appointment. Student should bring a copy of their application, high school transcripts and three personal essays to the interview. Acceptance decisions will be announced at the end of the interviews.

For more information about Junior Statesmen Summer School and DOI scholarships, please contact Ms. Korok at the U.S. Embassy at +692-247-4011.

You may find more information on the summer school at <a href="www.jsa.org/summer">www.jsa.org/summer</a> or the <a href="www.jsa.org/summer">2013 JSA Summer Programs Brochure</a>.

The United States Government, through its Embassy in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, supports programs to continue the strong ties between our countries and to increase the standard of living for all our people. The Compact of Free Association as amended in 2004, offers Marshallese citizens open access to the United States, and is the basis for relations between our countries. Under the Compact, the United States gives approximately 60% of the RMI's annual appropriation focused on democratic goals such as health, education, and infrastructure.